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SUBJ: PROPOSED DRC VISIT TO BERLIN

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1. MISSION OFFICER MET AGAIN WITH ASYG HUMPHREYS AND UK AND FRG DELEGATION OFFICERS TO DISCUSS STATUS OF HUMPHREYS' PROPOSAL THAT SOME DRC MEMBERS VISIT BERLIN AS INDIVIDUALS AT CONCLUSION OF TRIP TO FRG. MISSION OFFICER REPORTED WASHINGTON REACTION (REF A); UK OFFICER SAID LONDON WAS NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT TRIP EVEN IN FORM PROPOSED BY HUMPHREYS, BUT WOULD GO ALONG IF OTHERS FELT STRONGLY; FRG OFFICER SAID BONN WOULD AGREE TO ACT AS HOST IF ALL THREE WESTERN OCCUPYING POWERS AGREED TO DRC GOING AS A GROUP.

2. HUMPHREYS "RELUCTANTLY" SUGGESTED THAT IN LIGHT OF OBVIOUS QUALMS IN SOME QUARTERS, AS WELL AS CURRENT SITUATION AROUND CONFIDENTIAL

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BERLIN, IDEA OF VISIT BE DROPPED ON THIS OCCASION. HE NOTED THAT HE STILL FELT STRONGLY THAT DRC MEMBERS SHOULD SEE BERLIN AT FIRST HAND, AND PROPOSED TO RAISE MATTER AGAIN AT MORE PROPITIOUS TIME.

3. HUMPHREYS REMARKED THAT HE FOUND US IDEA THAT ONLY CIVILIANS SHOULD GO TO BERLIN A CURIOUS ONE, NOTING THAT HE HAD VISITED BERLIN SOME YEARS AGO WITH UK IMPERIAL DEFENCE COLLEGE, WHICH INCLUDED LARGE NUMBER OF MILITARY OFFICERS FROM MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. COMMENT. SINCE THIS MATTER WILL DOUBTLESS BE RAISED AGAIN, MISSION WOULD STILL APPRECIATE KNOWING WASHINGTON'S REASON FOR SUGGESTING EXCLUSION OF MILITARY OFFICERS FROM THOSE WHO MAY VISIT BERLIN (SEE REF B).

4. MISSION HAS LEARNED (REF C) THAT NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE IS SEEKING TO INCLUDE BERLIN IN THE COLLEGE TOUR PROGRAMME, BEGINNING WITH THE COURSE WHICH STARTS IN FEBRUARY 1975. THIS FURTHER REINFORCES NEED FOR RATIONALE CONCERNING ANY RESTRICTION ON VISITS TO BERLIN BY MILITARY OFFICERS.
END COMMENT. MCAULIFFE

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